

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: DECEMBER 28, 2022

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by JP Wyman and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd; Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HOWARD COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

Recorder Jennifer Jack presented the Laredo Contracts with Young's Title & Abstract, Doma, Indiana Searching Solutions, Meridian Title, TJ Douglass, Stoeppelwerth & Associates, Indiana Search Technologic, and HWC Engineering, Inc.. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve these Laredo Contracts as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Clerk Debbie Stewart presented the annual contract with Jeremy Peelle Law Office for collections of unpaid traffic tickets. The contract was approved by the County Attorney Wilson. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the annual contract with Jeremy Peelle Law Office as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on December 30, 2022, in the amount of \$883,433.81 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on December 30, 2022, in the amount of \$883,314.02 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid December 22, 2022, in the amount of \$2,365,555.34 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution 2022-BCCR-24

Attorney Wilson presented Resolution 2022-BCCR-24 – Howard County 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve Resolution 2022-BCCR-24 as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Annual Humane Society Contract

Attorney Wilson presented the Annual Humane Society Contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the Annual Humane Society Contract as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

County Insurance Policies

Attorney Wilson presented the county insurance policies. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the county insurance policies as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Howard County Board of Commissioners Certification of Appointments

President Wyman announced the Howard County Board of Commissioners Certification of Appointments:

Name	Appointment	Term
Mike Imbler	Howard County Board of Zoning Appeals	01/01/2023 - 12/31/2026
Michael Schroeder	Howard County Board of Zoning Appeals	01/01/2023 - 12/31/2026
Greg Tipton	Howard County Board of Zoning Appeals	01/01/2023 - 12/31/2026
Richard Byrum	Howard County Board of Zoning Appeals	01/01/2023 - 12/31/2026
Mike Imbler	Howard County Plan Commission	01/01/2023 - 12/31/2026
Mike Ullery	Howard County Drainage Board	01/01/2023 - 12/31/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the Certification of Appointments as presented. President Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Brad Semon of 10954 E. 100 S., Greentown, Indiana: Mr. Semon stated that he didn't hear Zach Miller's name read as a BZA Board Member. President Wyman informed Mr. Semon of the appointments to the Plan Commission, BZA, and Drainage Board. Mr. Semon asked who voted for the BZA Board members. President Wyman stated that the Board of Commissioners make the Appointments.

President Wyman stated this is his last meeting as a County Commissioner. He stated that it has been a joy to be a part of County Government and for which the budget is in outstanding position. He stated that he has witnessed firsthand the true spirit and care of the community successfully rising to the challenges of floods, tornadoes, the opioid epidemic, and the COVID-19 pandemic. The County made significant investments in economic development and quality of life initiatives that have transformed the community and brought a level of tremendous excitement and optimism. Mr. Wyman said that he has enjoyed working with Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd, and all the County employees on so many rewarding projects over the past 16 years. Mr. Wyman thanked his family for their support as well.

***There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m. on a motion made by President Wyman.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.***

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

R. BRAD BRAY, PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, VICE PRESIDENT

JEFF S. LIPINSKI, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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